

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1011
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 31A in
Marshall County in honor of the late Clarence A.
Powell of Chapel Hill.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Clarence A. Powell, one of Chapel Hill's and Marshall County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was born on a farm in the Chapel Hill community of Marshall County in 1924; he grew up on the family farm and subsequently married and raised a family of his own there; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong dairy farmer, Mr. Powell resided and worked on the family farm until his passing in December 2002 at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Powell, a gentleman who continued and enhanced a long-standing family tradition of excellence in public service and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell served Tennessee's farming community with distinction in many capacities; he was a member and had served as President of the Marshall County Farm Bureau, Marshall County Co-op Board and Artificial Breeders Association; he also served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Board of Directors of Dairymen, Inc. and the Marshall County Board of the federal Farmers Home Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Powell was elected District Director of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, which protects the interests of Tennessee's farmers and agricultural

community, and was subsequently elected Vice President of this exemplary organization, a position he held until his resignation in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens of Chapel Hill and Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, he had served his fellow citizens with probity, dignity and integrity as a member of the Tennessee Industrial and Agricultural Development Commission, a component of the Economic and Community Development Council, under Governor Lamar Alexander and Governor Ned McWherter; Federal Reserve Board for small businesses; Advisory Board of First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Industrial Board of Chapel Hill; and as Chairman of the Marshall County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a valuable and dedicated member of the Chapel Hill Lions Club, Mr. Powell had served this worthy organization as President and as a member of several committees, including the Lion Memorial Field House Committee; he had been awarded lifetime membership in the Lions Club and had received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell also served his community as a longtime member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church and Forrest Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Clarence A. Powell was a very special person to his friends and neighbors in Chapel Hill, and he was also dearly loved by his family whom he dearly loved in return; and

WHEREAS, Henry Horton State Park is a very important part of the Chapel Hill community and its economy, and accordingly the park held a special place in Mr. Powell's heart; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to name a certain bridge near Henry Horton State Park in honor of Mr. Powell to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning Duck River on U.S. Highway 31A near Henry Horton State Park in Marshall County is hereby designated the "Clarence A. Powell Memorial Bridge"

as a lasting tribute to an exceptional farmer, excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Clarence A. Powell Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Marshall County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Marshall County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated costs to Marshall County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Marshall County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.